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Steve Schneider, President
Tim Dyke, Pres. Pro-Tem
Richard Lauer
Dave Love
Gary Peltier
Richard Tobias
Thomas Umphenour

**ALMONT VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 2, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

President Schneider called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Dyke, Lauer, Love, Peltier, Tobias, Schneider, Umphenour

Councilmembers Absent: None

Staff Present:	Village Manager	Oliver Turner
	Clerk/Treasurer	Kimberly Keesler
	Chief of Police	Pat Nael

Guests Present: Ms. Nancy Boxey, DDA Director
Mr. Scott Stroup, Stroup Builders LLC
Mr. Doug Skylis, ROWE Professional Services
Mr. Jeff Fick, Lapeer County Sheriff Candidate
6 High School Students

COMMUNICATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes, September 18, 2012
Discussion was held regarding a letter dated September 18th that a Township resident received regarding Richfield Management's filing for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy. Richfield did not inform the Village or Council of their plans to file for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy prior to Council's approval of a contract extension. It was the consensus of Council for Manager Turner to get quotes from other waste management companies as a contingency plan in case services are disrupted.



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2. Warrant #12-10-A Check #30790-30836
3. Payroll Report

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Jeff Fick introduced himself, explained he was running for Lapeer County Sheriff, and handed out pamphlets.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Stroup Builders

Mr. Stroup explained they are pulling permits for home #10 and are set to pull permits for home #11. Mr. Stroup also gave a brief history on the decline of home prices in the past five years.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED**, to grant a 50% reduction in water and sewer tap-in fees for the two buildings Stroup Builders are currently working on (one in Drakeshire and one in Stoneridge).

Ayes: Lauer, Umphenour, Schneider, Dyke, Love, Peltier
Nays: Tobias
Absent: None

2. 123 West St. Clair Parking Lot Project

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the resolution authorizing an installment purchase contract for the DDA Parking Lot Project.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Umphenour, Dyke, Lauer, Love, Peltier, Tobias, Schneider
Nays: None
Absent: None

Councilmember Dyke Moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a contract to make installment purchase contract payments for Phase 1 Reconstruction of 123 West St. Clair Street Parking Lot.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to award the 123 West St. Clair Street parking lot project to NOVAK Nurseries, Inc., DBA NOVAK Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$69,896.30, contingent upon the successful execution of project financing.

3. Michigan Main Street Program Update/Continuance

DDA Director Boxey presented an overview of the Michigan Main Street Program and the advantages of remaining in the program as an associate-level member.



Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Love seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to continue participation in the Michigan Main Street Program at the associate level for one year.

4. Trojan Development – Application for Payment - \$20,490.00

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the application for payment to Trojan Development in the amount of \$20,490.00.

5. Forfeiture Account

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to authorize only Police Chief Nael and Village Manager Turner to serve as signers on the police forfeiture account.

6. Special Assessment

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler explained a vacant lot was assessed the garbage collection assessment inadvertently. Since the garbage assessment is based on ordinance, a motion by Council was needed to remove the assessment.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to relieve the assessment with a caveat that it will not be retroactive to previous tax years.

7. Closed Session – Collective Bargaining Strategy Session

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to go into closed session for the purpose of holding a collective bargaining strategy session after a 10 minute recess.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Dyke, Lauer, Love, Peltier, Tobias, Umphenour, Schneider
Nays: None
Absent: None

Council recessed at 8:45 p.m.

Council entered Closed Session at 8:55 p.m.

Council came out of Closed Session at 9:55 p.m.

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. DDA Director's Report

2. Sidewalk Repair Update/Analysis

3. Fund Balance Report

4. Warrant Items



COUNCIL/MANAGER COMMENT:

Councilmember Love requested we try not conflict with other festivals in the area when we select the dates for the Heritage Festival. President Schneider explained the DDA tries to minimize conflicts.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Kimberly J. Keesler
Clerk/Treasurer

Steve Schneider
President

Approved Date: October 16, 2012



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